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CATTLE ON FEED

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The number of cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Arizona feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or larger was estimated at 298,000 head as of May 1, 2018. The latest inventory is 1 percent above last month's inventory and 23 percent above the May 1, 2017 inventory. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 21,000 head of fed cattle during April 2018, down 13 percent from the previous month and down 5 percent from the April 2017 marketings. An estimated 26,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during April 2018, 23 percent below last month and 4 percent below the April 2017 placements of 27,000 head. Other disappearance for April 2018, at 1,000 head, was no change from last month or last year.

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Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.6 million head on May 1, 2018. The inventory was 5 percent above May 1, 2017. This is the second highest May 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.70 million head, 8 percent below 2017. Net placements were 1.63 million head. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 320,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 230,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 415,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 445,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 205,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 80,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.80 million head, 6 percent above 2017. Other disappearance totaled 63,000 head during April, 5 percent below 2017.

For a full copy of the May 2018 *Cattle on Feed* report please visit www.nass.usda.gov.